

“THE FUTILITY OF HUMAN LIFE”

Genesis 11:1-9

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Main Theme: When proud men try to thwart God’s purpose, He confuses their language and their plans are laid waste.

Introduction

A. From the beginning, man has deluded himself by thinking he could sit on God’s throne and determine his own destiny.

1. Key Verses:

- a. *Proverbs 21:30*
- b. *Daniel 4:17, 25*
- c. *Psalms 2:4*
- d. *Proverbs 19:21*

I. Men Proudly Set Themselves Against the Sovereign God (11:1-4)

A. Babel was Nimrod’s project; he wanted to build his empire in defiance of God.

B. The tower (*ziggurat*) in verse 4 had religious significance.

1. The tower and half-built city of Babel (v. 8) became the perpetual image of sinful man in rebellion against God.

II. God Comes Down in Kindness and Mercy to Save (11:5-9)

- A. The universal failure to overcome our problems is actually the good news of Genesis 11.

Conclusion / Application

- A. None of us would ever be saved except that God made us feel the want and waste of our lives without Him.

1. Key Verse: *Zephaniah 3:9*